

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 42-44, 56-66, 82, 83, 86-101, 116, 120-126 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Ortmann et al. teach the effects of estrogen, progestin and an antiprogestin (RU-486) wherein the antiprogestin causes menstrual bleeding. Casper (US 5,108,995) teach methods of hormone replacement therapy comprising the administration of estrogen and progestin. The novelty of the present invention is that the administration of estrogen, progestin and antiprogestin, in a method of hormone replacement therapy, is effective to ameliorate uterine bleeding problems.

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